



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5048

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LAWFUL RESIDENCE OF APPLICANTS
FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSES AND IDENTITY
CARDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) If the Commissioner of
2 Motor Vehicles issues a motor vehicle operator's license, in accordance
3 with the provisions of section 14-36 of the general statutes, as
4 amended, or an identity card, in accordance with the provisions of
5 section 1-1h of the general statutes, as amended, to any person who is a
6 resident of this state and not a citizen of the United States and whose
7 presence in the United States is, pursuant to any provision of federal
8 law, of limited duration, the commissioner shall, unless such person
9 presents evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that such person
10 has a pending application for change or extension of his or her
11 authorized presence in the United States under federal law or is a
12 beneficiary of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1101 et seq.,
13 restrict the validity of such motor vehicle operator's license or identity
14 card to a limited term to coincide with the period of such person's
15 lawful presence in the United States. Any person who has been issued
16 a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card under this
17 subsection and has been granted an extension of stay or has obtained
18 permanent resident status may request, and the commissioner shall,
19 upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the commissioner and

20 surrender of the document that has been issued, issue to such person
21 another motor vehicle operator's license or identity card bearing a new
22 expiration date. The fee for any motor vehicle operator's license issued
23 for a limited term shall be determined in accordance with subsection
24 (b) of section 14-41 of the general statutes. Any person aggrieved by
25 any decision of the commissioner made pursuant to this subsection
26 shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing, in accordance with the
27 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

28 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
29 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of
30 subsection (a) of this section. The regulations shall require the conduct
31 of regular training sessions for the staff of the Department of Motor
32 Vehicles with regard to the recognition and verification of documents
33 evidencing employment authorization and lawful presence in the
34 United States.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

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